RESOLUTION 2007-06

RESOLUTION OF THE COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION IN SUPPORT OF AND REQUESTING THE REMOVAL OF THE SCENIC HIGHWAY DESIGNATION FOR THE TAMMIAMI TRAIL (US 41)

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2005, the Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) voted in favor of removing the Scenic Highway Designation from the Tamiami Trail (US 41); and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the aforementioned vote the MPO further considered the Scenic Highway Designation, allowing for additional public discussion on the matter at its October 2006 meeting and directing staff to obtain further public input from local municipalities and affected communities; and

WHEREAS, at its September 14, 2007 meeting the MPO received further public input on the Scenic Highway Designation and considered the staff’s recommendation supporting removal of the Scenic Highway Designation based upon (1) the lack of local government endorsement, (2) the inability to approve a Corridor Management Entity (“CME”), (3) the ineligibility for Federal Scenic Byway Grant Funds due to the lack of a CME, and (4) that additional funding sources are not dependent on the Scenic Highway Designation; and

WHEREAS, the MPO has now fully considered all public input, documents submitted in consideration of this matter and the recommendations of staff supporting the removal of the Scenic Highway Designation; and

WHEREAS, the MPO by majority vote at its September 14, 2007, meeting approved the MPO staff’s recommendation for removal of the Scenic Highway Designation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION THAT:

1. The Collier MPO supports and requests removal of the Scenic Highway Designation for the Tamiami Trail based upon: (1) the lack of local government endorsement, (2) the inability to approve a Corridor Management Entity (“CME”), (3) the ineligibility for Federal Scenic Byway Grant Funds due to the lack of a CME, and (4) that additional funding sources are not dependent on the Scenic Highway Designation.

This Resolution PASSED and duly adopted by the Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization Board after majority vote on this 2nd day of November 2007.

Attest:

By: Phillip R. Tindall, Collier MPO Director

COLLIER COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

By: Councilman Gary Price, Chair

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Scott R. Teach, Managing Assistant County Attorney